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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 53, ~~claim 1~~, wherein said trailing end wall and said leading end wall each have a height that is less than the height of both said anterior wall and said posterior wall.

3. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 53, ~~claim 1~~, wherein said posterior wall is concave and said anterior wall is convex.

4. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 53, ~~claim 1~~, wherein said leading end wall and said trailing end wall have the same height.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 53, ~~claim 1~~, wherein said leading end wall includes an insertion tool engaging portion.

7. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 53, ~~claim 1~~, wherein said insertion tool engaging portion is an internally threaded hole formed through said trailing end wall.

Claims 8-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Original) ~~The implant of claim 10;~~ A spinal implant, comprising:
a leading end wall;
a trailing end wall opposite said leading end wall;
a posterior wall extending between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall;

an anterior wall extending between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall, wherein said anterior wall includes a first anterior lateral opening adjacent said leading end wall and a second anterior lateral opening adjacent said trailing end wall;

an upper bearing member extending between and connected to said leading end wall, said anterior wall, said posterior wall and said trailing end wall;

an opposite lower bearing member including extending between and connected to said leading end wall, said anterior wall, said posterior wall and said trailing end wall, wherein said upper bearing member and said lower bearing member each include a cantilevered portion extending beyond said anterior wall; wherein:

said first anterior lateral opening is defined between a first vertical strut, said leading end wall and said upper and lower bearing members;

said second anterior lateral opening is defined between a second vertical strut, said trailing end wall and said upper and lower bearing members; and

said anterior wall further including a middle opening defined between said first strut, said second strut, and said upper and lower bearing members; and

further comprising an offset strut adjacent said middle opening and offset towards said posterior wall, said offset strut extending between said upper bearing member and said lower bearing member.

12. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 11, ~~claim 8~~, wherein said anterior wall has a height that is greater than a height of said posterior wall, and said trailing end wall is adapted for coupling to an insertion tool.

13. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 11, ~~claim 8~~, wherein: said upper bearing member includes an upper strut and a pair of openings on either side of said upper strut; and said lower bearing member includes a lower strut and a pair of openings on either side of said lower strut.

14. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 11, ~~claim 8~~, wherein:

said upper bearing member includes a number of grooves formed in an upper bearing surface thereof; and

said lower bearing member includes a number of grooves formed in a lower bearing surface thereof.

Claims 15-52 (Cancelled)

53. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 52, A spinal implant adapted for non-linear insertion in an intradiscal space, comprising:

a leading end wall;

a trailing end wall opposite said leading end wall having an insertion tool engaging portion;

a posterior wall extending between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall;

an anterior wall extending between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall,

wherein said anterior wall includes a first anterior lateral opening adjacent said leading end wall and a second anterior lateral opening adjacent said trailing end wall;

at least one strut extending between said posterior wall and said anterior wall;

an upper bearing member extending between and connected to said leading end wall, said anterior wall, said posterior wall and said trailing end wall;

an opposite lower bearing member extending between and connected to said leading end wall, said anterior wall, said posterior wall and said trailing end wall, wherein;

said posterior wall has a height that is less than the height of said anterior wall;

said upper bearing member and said lower bearing member each include a cantilevered portion extending beyond said anterior wall;

said first anterior lateral opening is defined between a first vertical strut, said leading end wall and said upper and lower bearing members;

said second anterior lateral opening is defined between a second vertical strut, said trailing end wall and said upper and lower bearing members;

said anterior wall further including a middle opening defined between said first strut, said second strut, and said upper and lower bearing members; and

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further comprising an offset strut adjacent said middle opening and offset towards said posterior wall, said offset strut extending between said upper bearing member and lower bearing member.

Claims 54-56 (Cancelled)

57. (Currently amended) ~~The implant of claim 56,~~ A spinal implant, comprising:
a leading end wall;
a trailing end wall opposite said leading end wall;
a posterior wall extending between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall;
an anterior wall extending between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall,
wherein said openings in said anterior wall include a first anterior lateral opening adjacent said
leading end wall and a second anterior lateral opening adjacent said trailing end wall;
an upper bearing member extending between and connected to said leading end wall, said
anterior wall, said posterior wall and said trailing end wall;
an opposite lower bearing member extending between and connected to said leading end
wall, said anterior wall, said posterior wall and said trailing end wall, wherein said anterior wall
includes at least one strut positioned between openings on each side thereof, and said upper
bearing member and said lower bearing member each include a cantilevered portion extending
beyond said strut and said openings, wherein:
said at least one strut includes a first vertical strut and a second vertical strut;
said first anterior lateral opening is defined between said first vertical strut, said leading
end wall and said upper and lower bearing members;
said second anterior lateral opening is defined between said second vertical strut, said
trailing end wall and said upper and lower bearing members;
said anterior wall further including a middle opening defined between said first strut, said
second strut, and said upper and lower bearing members; and
further comprising an offset strut adjacent said middle opening and offset towards said
posterior wall, said offset strut extending between said upper bearing member and said lower
bearing member.

58. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 57, ~~claim 54~~, wherein said anterior wall has a height that is greater than a height of said posterior wall, and said trailing end wall is adapted for coupling to an insertion tool.

59. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 57, ~~claim 54~~, wherein:
said upper bearing member includes a pair of openings on either side of said upper strut;
and
said lower bearing member includes a lower strut and a pair of openings on either side of said lower strut.

60. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 57, ~~claim 54~~, wherein:
said upper bearing member includes a number of grooves formed in an upper bearing surface thereof; and
said lower bearing member includes a number of grooves formed in a lower bearing surface thereof.

Claims 61-68 (Cancelled)

69. (Currently amended) ~~The implant of claim 68~~, A spinal implant adapted for non-linear insertion in an intradiscal space, comprising:
a leading end wall;
a trailing end wall opposite the leading end wall;
a posterior wall extending between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall;
an anterior wall extending between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall;
an upper bearing member extending between said leading end wall, said anterior wall, said posterior wall and said trailing end wall;
an opposite lower bearing member extending between said leading end wall, said anterior wall, said posterior wall and said trailing end wall, wherein:

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the implant has a center axis extending generally in the direction between said leading end wall and said trailing end wall, said posterior wall and said anterior wall being positioned on opposite sides of said center axis;

said trailing end wall and said leading end wall each have a height that is less than the height of both said anterior wall and said posterior wall and said anterior wall has a height greater than a height of said posterior wall;

said anterior wall includes at least one strut positioned between openings on each side thereof, and said upper bearing member and said lower bearing member each include a cantilevered portion extending beyond said strut and said openings, wherein:

said openings in said anterior wall include a first anterior lateral opening adjacent said leading end wall and a second anterior lateral opening adjacent said trailing end wall;

said at least one strut includes a first vertical strut and a second vertical strut;

said first anterior lateral opening is defined between said first vertical strut, said leading end wall and said upper and lower bearing members;

said second anterior lateral opening is defined between said second vertical strut, said trailing end wall and said upper and lower bearing members;

said anterior wall further including a middle opening defined between said first strut, said second strut, and said upper and lower bearing members; and

further comprising an offset strut adjacent said middle opening and offset toward said posterior wall, said offset strut extending between said upper bearing member and said lower bearing member.

70. (Currently amended) The implant of claim 69, ~~claim 66~~, wherein said posterior wall is concave between said leading and trailing end walls and said anterior wall is convex between said leading and trailing end walls.